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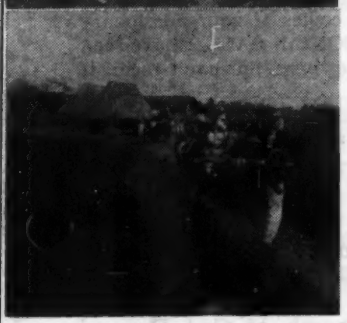

Picture No. 1—Reverend H. S. Syverson and his missionary caravan leaves El Salvador for Nicaragua for a great convention in a new field.

Picture No. 2—These humble huts were inadequate to hold the attendance for the convention, with plenty of standing room on the outside and no difficulty with high-speeding cars or trolley traffic.

Picture No. 3—After the convention there followed a great baptismal service. A number followed the Lord in water baptism, declaring their faith in the gospel and accepting Jesus Christ in the old-fashioned way.

Picture No. 4—A part of the convention crowd with smiling faces, happy because the gospel came their way through the efforts of people here at home who sent the missionary to this remote section. The church in the background is apparently air-conditioned.

Picture No. 5—Leaving for home after a successful convention. Although they are not afraid of breaking the speed laws, you may rest assured the old hayburner (the ox team) will bring them safely home. The church buildings where the meetings were conducted are in the background.

OFF FOR NICARAGUA
... Great Things Follow

By H. S. SYVERSON, *Missionary, El Salvador*

From these pictures you can get an idea of the people and the conditions of living. You will note that the houses are made of straw, and that it would be easy for the pigs, chickens, and other animals to come into the house. You will also note that our cars are a little behind those nice cars you have in the States, but one could not be happier than these humble folks. The food was only soup (thin) with cold tortillas most of the three days we were there, but I was thinking while eating of them that I would far rather be there eating that kind of food than to be with the King of England or President of the United States of America in their great banquets. Praise the Lord for His wonderful love toward us.

I would have gladly remained there to minister among those precious folk but we had so much other work to do that I had to leave them so soon; only three days of heaven, but it was worth while for me. I think the folks enjoyed having visitors, too.

These people have recently come to the Church of God, but they love her doctrine and will make a wonderful addition to the great Church of God.

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4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
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14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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Note: Your comments and questions will be gladly received by the Missions Department. Write us if you have questions pertaining to missions. We will be glad to do our best to give an answer in the **Macedonian Call** issue each quarter.

Your comments are also solicited relative to the missions cause and the **Macedonian Call** issue of the EVANGEL.

We appreciate the many fine letters received from the readers of the EVANGEL who have so highly complimented the EVANGEL and in so doing have given recognition to the **Macedonian Call** issue. Let us hear from you.

Question Box . . .

ANSWERS TO PERTINENT QUESTIONS
BY PAUL H. WALKER

Question: What is the object and is it necessary for representatives of the Missions Department to visit the mission fields when it incurs considerable expense?

Answer: This is a somewhat compound question, but first let me state, the expense incurred does not amount to so very much, because the visitations are very infrequent in comparison to the visitations of the state and district overseers, the general officials, and other ministers that we call upon to visit our churches in the States. So, expense of the visitations of the representatives from the Missions Department is comparatively small. The same purpose, however, is effected. The state or district overseer visits the churches trying to stimulate special interest; the same goes for the general officials visiting prayer conferences and camp meetings. We feel it is necessary for these men to make these visitations because they bring to us the operations of the Church and its progress, and teach us the plans and purposes whereby we can be more effective for God here at the home base. For instance, when the former Executive Missions Secretary, Brother J. H. Walker, and our former General Overseer, Brother H. L. Chesser, visited the work in India, while the trip was quite costly, yet, on the other hand, the results far exceeded the expense, not only spiritually, but materially.

When visiting Guatemala several years ago, while Brother Furman was still living, he and I walked eight miles up on a plateau, where, in a distance, we saw an adobe house, one of our churches. From this house a man came running, running as in desperation. On approaching us, he fell upon his knees and held our feet in his hands as he thanked the Lord because he was able to see the American missionary come to their little church for service. When we arrived at his church, we found the floor covered with pine needles freshly strewn in order to show his gratitude for our coming. He also spread a very colorful Indian shawl in the middle of the floor on which he beckoned us to kneel, and all three of us knelt there for prayer. As he lifted his hands toward heaven, with tears streaming down his face, he praised God that we had come to tell him more about Jesus, His love, and the Church of God.

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APPRECIATION FOR MACEDONIAN CALL

DEAR SIRS:

Please send me several back copies of your missionary paper that is called the MACEDONIAN CALL. I have seen this wonderful publication somewhere, but can't recall if it was your publication or not.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Manley Moore, Route 2, Mt. Pleasant, Texas

Brother Walker: May I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the current issue of the *Macedonian Call*. You have my prayers that God will continue to help you in the great and noble work that you are doing.—N. E. Skaggs, Missionary to Utila Bay Island.

Evangelization

"HOW" Matters Not!

BY PAUL H. WALKER

HOW CAN THESE things be?" asked Nicodemus. God's promise to Abraham that he should have a son, Isaac, made Sarah laugh, as in her heart she asked, "HOW?"

"Man's extremities are God's opportunities." His Son spoke the words "Peace be still," and there was a great calm.

Revival Fires

"For the sake of Christ in glory and the spreading of the story, we must get the FLAME." This was the spirit of enthusiasm that set hearts ablaze when, in 1857, Joseph Lamphier knelt alone and cried aloud from his soul, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" His prayer meeting continued, and another man joined him, then another, and another. Finally, there were 20, then 50, and then 100. And it wasn't long until revival waves swept the entire country, starting in the upper room of the old North Dutch church on Fulton Street, New York. Flood tides of salvation swept the land. They only did God's biddings, and left the HOW with God. This is the secret of foreign missions propagations.

The song of the Welsh revival was entitled

O My Brother, Get the Flame!"

It is not the question of HOW, but get the flame and leave the results with God. As the saints sang this simple song, fires began to enflame the hearts of hundreds as they wept their way through to Calvary. I can almost hear them singing now, with their hearts attuned to a heavenly chord, their faces set upward, and their eyes as a flint toward Zion as the words rang out,

"While the fire of God is falling;
While the voice of God is calling,
Brothers, get the flame!
While the torch of God is burning,
Men's weak efforts overturning,
Christian, get the flame!
While the Holy Ghost is pleading,
Human methods superceding,
Himself the flame.
While the power hard hearts is bending,
Yield thine own to Him surrendering
All to get the flame."

It is not a question as to HOW the Lord fed the multitude of 5,000 who were seated by one hundred's and by fifty's when He took the five loaves and two fishes and cried aloud to His disciples, "Give ye them to eat." The question is that it was done.

It is not a question as to HOW they got the fragments gathered up in such an abundance. The question is that it was done.

God's ways have always been beyond ours and are never to be questioned by us, because His are always right and generally ours are always wrong.

Missionaries in foreign lands have sat back and marveled at the manifestation and working of God's Spirit. It has not been a question with them as to HOW, but the fact is it has been done. The lost in heathendom, those who sat in great darkness, have seen a great light. When the light sprang up in the darkness, darkness fled, and, standing in its place, are the hundreds of saints washed in His blood and brought to a divine realization of truth through the everlasting gospel.

We have found that faith is the victory, and that it pays to believe in Him in Whom we have believed, and we are persuaded that He is able to do that which is far above what we are able to do, or even ask or think. Remember, He stilled the tempest. He caused the fire to blaze in the bush, yet the bush was not consumed.

May we be so dedicated within ourselves that the fire of God can set us ablaze and men will not look at the person but the blaze of God's blessedness as it shines through our testimony and our manner of life.

DID YOU EVER THINK of the little ignoramus that you considered would never be worth a "hill of blue beans" because he hardly had sense enough to pound sand in a rat hole when he used to play in your backyard, but today that little lop-eared, freckle-faced boy, with both front teeth gone, has turned out to be a spiritual giant for God? HOW did it happen? It was because he got out of himself and got in the hands of the One who fed the multitude. If God can take a few fish and a few loaves of bread to feed 5,000, what could God do with a dedicated soul in feeding the multitudes with a message of eternal redemption and mercy? It is not up to us to know HOW God does these things, but it is up to us to be as the little lad of whom the apostles said, when they did feed the 5,000, "There is a lad here." The lad was willing to yield himself to the Master. We, as His lad, should yield ourselves to Him in giving of our one dollars, fives, tens, fifties, or hundreds, whatever it might be, and leave the result with God. Then, when the sheaves are gathered in and we bask in His sunlight and see the redeemed come through the pearly gates into the eternal city, it will only mean that this is a part of our reward who have given to God of our temporal means that He might glorify Himself through the magnification of our feeble efforts.

I know the HOW may have justifiable qualms. The 5,000 with which Jesus had to deal through His disciples when He said, "Give ye them to eat," have terminated into millions behind impregnable, unpenetrable curtains, iron curtains, bambo curtains, purple curtains; presenting geographical, political, ideological, and religious barriers of the first magnitude HOW. Without the supernatural, it is an eternal NO, but with God and His supernatural power, emancipating and miraculous, it is an eternal YES. I am afraid we must acknowledge that we have not "cast our bread upon the water that it might return after many days." Because we have received no returns is because we have not launched out. The reason we have not launched out is because we have an impregnable barrier of doubt around about us signified by the question HOW. Let us loosen ourselves and go, and let God place the burden on our hearts to do our part, putting self upon the altar, unconditionally and unreservedly.

Reverend C. A. Cooper has said, "The crumbs that fall

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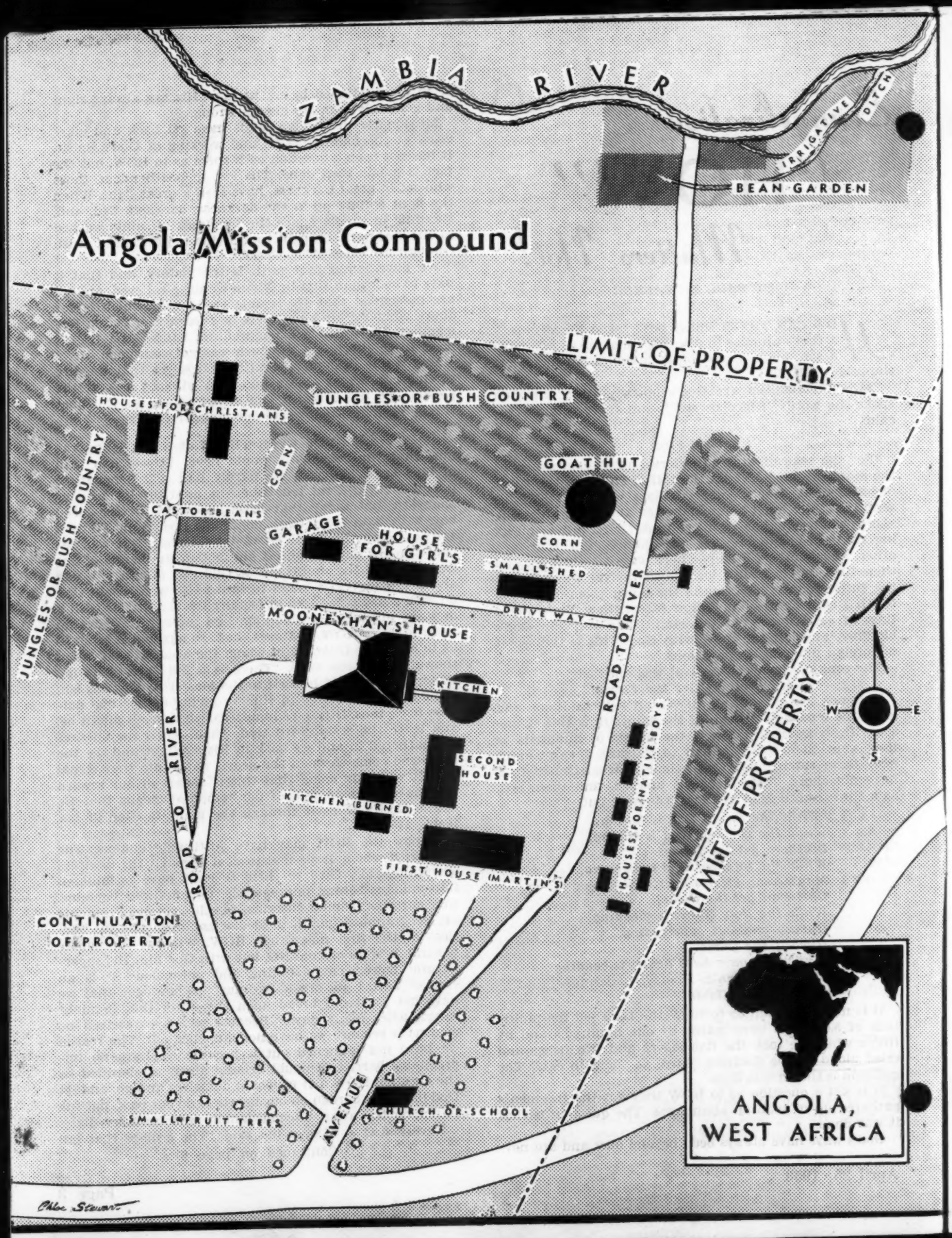
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ANGOLA MISSION COMPOUND

THE DRAFT ON the opposite page, no doubt, will be a thrill to the people who have heard so much of our work in Angola, where Sister Stark has labored for so many years and where Brother Stark's body lies beneath the soil of Angola, Africa.

Brother Stark's efforts, though it cost him his life, were not in vain, for it was one of the most stimulating events, as far as missions are concerned, that has ever come to the Church of God, and its influence still continues as the work goes forward in 53 countries throughout the world.

I don't know of words more fitting to bespeak the life of our Brother Edmond Stark than those pictured on the plaque at his tomb, shown in this column: "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yes, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them," Revelation 14:13.

This lonely grave in the bush or jungles of Angola bespeaks the criterion for which and to which his life was dedicated, born 1,900 years ago on Calvary. He gave His life. It makes one think of the paradox which says, "We live by dying, and by giving all we possess all."

In Angola there is much room for growth. This is only a foothold. Our church has been registered and licensed there by the Government, and we are now just ready to begin. Our missionary staff consists of Sister Pearl M. Stark, Brother and Sister Martins, and Reverend and Mrs. T. D. Mooneyham. However, Brother Mooneyham and family have not received their visa for Angola, and he is teaching in one of our schools in South Africa, hoping to receive his visa soon for Angola.

It is proposed that we establish a better school; however, we have been having a school here for some time. You will notice the house for the native boys. This is where the young men are housed during the school season.

It shows we have a fine plot of ground, and that fruit trees have been planted and a fine garden, which is irrigated by water provided by the Zambia River. The draft pretty well speaks for itself. In the right-hand corner you will notice Angola, West Africa, is a little plot set in, in white, by itself in this vast country. Let us breathe a prayer for the work in Angola and keep our contributions going for Angola, and not only Angola, but for the propagation of the gospel throughout the whole world.

THE HAND OF GOD AND THE GESTAPO

The Hand of God and the Gestapo is a booklet just off the press giving the true story in his own words of our missionary, Brother Herman Lauster, of his imprisonment at Welsheim, Germany.

This booklet contains three thrilling heart-gripping chapters, with pictures of the prison, stone quarry, place of execution and Brother Lauster behind the iron bars under the grueling lash of the Nazis.

This booklet should be in every home for parent and child to read.

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REPORT OF THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD (FULL GOSPEL) IN INDIA

By William Pospisil

THE annual convention of the Church of God (Full Gospel) in India was held under a large pandal erected on the Bethel Maidan (pronounced Mi' don), at Kumbanadu in Travancore, South India. Rev. William Pospisil, missionary, and Pastor T. M. Varughese, field secretary, were in charge of program arrangements. The committees had all worked faithfully, and all was in readiness for the greatest convention in many ways that was ever conducted by the Church of God in India. The special speakers for this gathering were Rev. Howard Carter, of England, world traveller and Bible teacher, and Donald A. Crook, missionary of Pallachi, in the Tamil field. Other speakers were Pastor A. J. John, Bible teacher of our Bible School; M. Benjamin, pastor of the Church of God in Madurai; U. Thomas, pastor of the Edamon Church. Pastor T. M. Varughese and Rev. William Pospisil also had their part on the program and helped in every way to make the convention a success.

The messages were enjoyed by all, and the attendance kept climbing as the convention proceeded. Our peak attendance was on Friday and Saturday nights, with an estimated crowd of between 4 and 5 thousand people. It is difficult to estimate the number of those who were definitely converted, but there were people calling on God for mercy all over the pandal when the altar call was made. There were 32 baptized in water on Sunday, the last day of the convention.

Reports showed that eleven new churches came into our fellowship during the year, the names of which are Karicom, Mepral, Aravankady, Coonoor, Nilambur, Madurai, Poovancode, Manimuri, Ellapara, Nallanikunnu, and Kunchithanny. During our convention the following came into our fellowship: Valakom, Nellikamannu, Thakala, and Chemparuthivilei. Since the convention, Villupuram, in the Tamil field, has come into our fellowship. This is a total of 16 in one year's time. Some of these have good buildings, the best being at Madurai.

Cost of all expenses connected with the convention ran us 2,286 rupees. Total received for all offerings to offset this, plus receipts from our Missions Board in America, was 2,068 rupees. We came out 218 rupees short of making our expenses. Our mission offering was smaller than hoped for, with only 109 rupees. There were 176-8-0 rupees received for subscriptions for our magazine, the "Gospel Echoes." Our circulation is climbing, with nearly 900 paid subscribers receiving this Malayalam magazine monthly now. The churches brought 437 rupees to help meet the convention expense, while 224 rupees were raised in offerings for the speakers and for the convention expense during the convention. Thus our people in India raised 770 rupees to meet our convention expense and for the mission offering. Nearly 50 Malayalam Bibles were sold.

The following were elected to serve on the board of directors: Wm. Pospisil, president; T. M. Varughese, vice president; M. Benjamin, A. J. John, and M. M. John, members. Eliezer John was selected to serve as youth director. The meeting was blessed of God, and all seemed to be united in promoting the work of God. The new policy as adopted by the ministers was accepted by the general body, as well as the officers that were elected. All returned to their respective fields of labor with a great determination to do more for God this year than ever before, in promoting the work and His Church.

EVANGELIZATION "HOW" MATTERS NOT!

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from the spiritual tables in America would satisfy the hunger of millions of famishing souls who plead for bread. Our neglect is criminal; our position is untentable. There is no excuse for such apathy, inertia, selfishness, disobedience; it is unjustifiable, indefensible. God, help us!"

HOW (Not the Horse-and-Buggy-Days)

IF QUEEN VICTORIA could dispatch a message throughout the world through her army and navy within thirty days back in the horse-and-buggy-days, our opportunities today are limitless. The way universal contacts can be made at home and abroad, by means of the press, radio, television, telephone, and cablegram, one hardly dare to think this moment because it may be heard aloud, within a few seconds, around the globe.

HOW can it be done! If the money that was spent in preparedness of our Army, Navy, and Air Force had been consecrated, only one-tenth of the amount, to a gospel propagation twenty years ago, we would not have the Korean conflict today. We were too complacent; we were too anxious to vote for liquor, to legalize the illegal, and put premiums on the privileges granted us in a highly industrial age brought about at the price of the blood of our noble sons and daughters. You may say what you please, but defeatism in evangelism must be paid for and realized in the holocaust and ravages of war.

Can we get behind the IRON CURTAIN? NO, but the HOLY GHOST can! Can we pierce the impregnable walls of infidelism, agnosticism, and hate? No, but the Spirit of God, through His eternal truth, can. We must trust Him. "Look unto the fields, for they are white," and if God rolls back the iron curtain and the bambo curtain, and rips asunder the purple curtain, let's be ready to march in and claim our rightful place. The forces of the Church of God must be marshalled, and our staffs held high in our hands, for we serve the God who rolled back the Red Sea and who, we believe, can stand the tidal wave of infidelity, that we might declare to the millions of earth, who are yet existing in ignorance, superstition, and want, that our God, Jehovah, lives.

Suppose God did open the door to CHINA, RUSSIA, POLAND, and all the Balkan countries, what would we do with getting in there tomorrow with the gospel? What is our preparedness? and what is our strategy? This is not an impossibility. The Christ that rent the curtain between the holy place and the holy of holies when He bowed His head in death can tear down the curtain made of man within a moment.

"Have ye not known? have you not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretched out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: that bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown; yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble. To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high . . .," Isaiah 40:21-26.

Our God removes kings, and He sets up kings; He dethrones men and enthrones them. He causes wars to cease to the end of the earth and bringeth to naught things that are. Certainly we cannot consider the insignificance of Stalin's stalwarts as being too hard for God to handle. We have the medium through which to work—our churches, church treasuries, Foreign Missions Department. All of these things provide channels through which we can send our temporal means. We have a channel that reaches through to the throne of God—the channel of prayer. Let us not question it any longer, but let's march forward with a triumphal tread, all doing our part, because the night cometh, and cometh soon, when we shall not work more, but shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

EXCERPTS

Costa Rica Has Revival Fires Burning

THIS is to inform you that we have had the greatest evangelistic campaign we have ever undertaken, with hundreds saved, and many sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

In San Jose La Montana, four brothers received the Holy Ghost. The place shook under the power of God, and the meeting ended in the morning. In Limon, hundreds received Christ as their Saviour. Here is a remarkable incident. Brother Rafael Mora, who is a cabinet maker, had a finger sawed off. The men in the shop told him to go to the hospital, but instead he placed the finger in its place and continued to work. The finger began to stay in its place and sure recovery was on the way. I had the privilege of seeing that finger in perfect condition.

Brother Walker, the revival fires are burning in Costa Rica, and there is a need for workers. Noel H. DeSouza.

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From the Altons of the Dominican Republic

GREETINGS in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We should like to tell you about the most wonderful convention that has taken place in the Dominican Republic. Brother Stoppe left here very happy and pleased with our convention, and I am encouraged to go forward more than I have ever been in the Dominican. We had a wonderful time, and the best part of all is that 38 souls came to God and repented of their sins.

The last night of the convention there were 16 gloriously saved through our Lord and soon-coming King. They did not come because they were begged or halfway forced, but they came crying and weeping to God for their salvation.

Our cups were running over with joy unspeakable and full of glory. It has been a hard year for us, and there hasn't been too much accomplished, but God put His approval upon our work. We now have that joy that was lacking in the past. The Lord has given us the confidence of our workers, and our program is on the move. When we arrived, our monthly Sunday School attendance was 1,500, but now we have about 3,500 every month in Sunday School. We are shooting for 7,000 this year. We had only one Y.P.E., with an average attendance of about 35 a month. Now we have five, with an average attendance of 175 monthly. We are planning to open one or two new works this year, and build two or three country churches, with one big one in LaRomana. It is a tough schedule, but we plan to do it if the Lord tarries and blesses our feeble efforts.—Reverend and Mrs. W. D. Alton.

Our Bible-land PRAYER LETTER

BY REVEREND AND MRS. D. B. HATFIELD, Missionaries

Hebrews 13:18, *"Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly."*

IT HAS BEEN so long since we have heard from some of you that we are beginning to feel very keenly the absence of your letters. Please be assured that your letters, prayers, and love offerings which you have been faithful to send toward the work in this field have been a substantial help that has greatly strengthened our hands so as to enable us to open the work in new places and for other hungry souls. This work depends on your continued prayers and support. Your HELP in this way is indispensable. We shall appreciate your continued interest in the work in these parts.

OUR PRAYER REQUEST

Pray for our Greek converts in Cyprus. Over thirty persons have been converted in our services in Cyprus, but they are finding the pressure and persecutions from the Greek Orthodox Church extremely difficult. The priests threaten that something serious will happen to them if they return to our services. These threats have kept many people from coming. We urge you to pray with us for these new converts that they may be able to stand true and to bear a faithful WITNESS to others.

In April we shall open a new mission hall in the Armenian Section of Nicosia. We shall need your earnest prayers that God will supply the necessary means to meet the expenses of this new work. The need and opportunity have moved us to action in this case, and we undertake it by faith.

Pray for our convention in the Jordan Kingdom (Old Palestine) April 9-12, inclusive. We anticipate a wonderful time at this convention. Several are waiting there to be baptized in the Jordan River on the last day of the convention. We shall take pictures of this baptizing in the Jordan. Would you like a snapshot for your album?

Pray for the Hebrew Christians in Israel. A wave of persecutions is going on now in Israel against the Jews who have accepted the Christian religion, as well as against the missions and missionaries there. A mass meeting of Jewish Orthodox leaders was held in Jerusalem's largest synagogue on February 25 for the purpose of throwing all the missionaries out of Israel. A Hebrew Christian attending the meeting was seriously beaten and would perhaps have been killed had he not been rescued. Another Christian Jew, while giving out Testaments in a settlement near Haifa in March, was also attacked and beaten until he narrowly escaped death. Israel needs our prayers. She is struggling against great odds, economically, politically, and spiritually. While she feels the effect of Russia's withdrawing of her diplomatic relations, let us pray that she may realize that her help is not from the land of Magog, but from the throne of God, and that her friends are to be found among those who believe in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved," Romans 10:1.

Pray the Lord of the Harvest to send more laborers into His vineyard in the BIBLE LANDS. We need more missionary help in these parts. The field is large, and the grain is ripe, but we laborers in the field are very few. When the harvest gets ripe, it gets ripe all at once, and requires many hands in the field at the same time. Out here, when it is harvest time, all the household goes to the field to reap the precious grain, or else the summer's scorching sun will soon beat down on the field and the grain is lost.

We are responsible for the people in these lands in this generation. God will not hold us responsible for the people of yesterday, nor for those of tomorrow, but for sure we are responsible for the peoples of TODAY, that they may HEAR the message at least once.

Jesus said, "Ye shall be witnesses, first in Jerusalem, then in Judea and Samaria, and then unto the uttermost part of the earth." Please pray that we may be able to cover this field again that was once covered by the early Church.

Don't fail us, but continue to COME OVER into the Bible Lands and HELP US.

JAMAICA'S GREATEST CONVENTION

THE HEADQUARTERS church in Jamaica, which was used for the session of the ministers' meeting, was packed to capacity. The large auditorium, with a seating capacity of 3,500, was filled and overflowing.

The first night of the convention, between 350 and 400 came to the altar to seek the Lord.

During this four-day convention, around 60 received the Holy Ghost and those saved were too numerous to get an accurate count of.

The convention was blessed in having a representative from the Missions Department, Reverend W. E. Johnson, as its night speaker, and he lectured to the ministers during the day.

Reverend Marshall Roberson, of Nashville, Tennessee, one of Tennessee's fine pastors, was also a guest speaker during the convention.

A special offering was raised to begin a Bible School project, and the natives themselves brought in over $500 in American money for this effort.

Eternity alone will tell the great and lasting accomplishment of this convention, and the respect shown the representatives of America was of the highest caliber.—Executive Missions Secretary.

GREAT

Great was Jesus in the struggle;
Great was Jesus on the tree;
Great was Jesus in compassion
When He stopped and lifted me;
Great is He to support
And great to succor me.
Great is Jesus as a Saviour;
Great is He before the throne;
Great was He in redemption power
When for me He did atone;
Great is He, taste and see—
He gives light and victory.

—Paul H. Walker.

Church of God Missions Caravan Still on the Move

SOUTH ALABAMA PRAYER CONFERENCE INCREASES FOREIGN MISSION FLAME IN STATE

What could be a more appropriate arrangement for a ministerial gathering than a prayer conference with a "mission emphasis"! Sincere prayer and deeper consecration automatically foster a spirit of missions within us. A prayer conference planned along these lines convened in South Alabama, at the Selma church, January 13, 14. The true purpose of this meeting seemed to be commonly shared by each person in attendance. The first service was at 7:30 p.m., the 13th. However, most of the ministers assembled long before this hour and enjoyed an additional period of fellowship. The prayer conference was off to a good start, with all the inspiration for a great old-fashioned prayer conference. The great spirit of love, fellowship, and devotion of this first service prevailed throughout the entire prayer conference.

Brother John C. Jernigan, our Assistant General Overseer, and Brother Paul H. Walker, Executive Missions Secretary, were with us for the entire meeting. Both preached two fine messages. It fell Brother Walker's lot to preach in the first service. Both laity, and ministers will long remember the great practical message delivered by him in this first service. Although Brother Walker was well known by most of our brethren, this was his first time to minister in South Alabama. However, in his present capacity as Missions Secretary, we can look forward to having Brother Walker with us from time to time.

The morning service was climaxed with a message from Brother Jernigan on "Building for God." This thought-provoking sermon reminded us of the tremendous responsibility in building for God. Each minister seemed to be more determined to take greater care in every aspect of his ministry. This was, indeed, a timely message. Only men with years of service and great stores of experiences can speak to us with the effect these brethren did.

The mission service in the afternoon was typical of the many such services that are sweeping the entire country in our Church. Brother Walker preached to us about a cause that possessed him. It was a message that reached the place within us that moves us to action. We were thoroughly informed as to the present activities of our missionaries, and also reminded of the great need that exists in scores of fields. Brother Statum, our overseer, a man with a keen sense of mission needs, had already begun a drive toward a liberal state-convention mission offering. Several pastors had already pledged a week's salary for missions. Even so, pledges were received totaling more than $500.

Our Assistant General Overseer, Brother Jernigan, brought the message for the final evening service. He preached another great sermon. His thorough knowledge of our Church's history, plus a vivid vision for our future, was evident in his thoughts.

Our prayer conference closed. Yet, the spirit of this gathering will linger in each heart, increasing the flame of God in each of us and inspiring us to more devoted action throughout the months to come. Words fall short in their descriptive power to convey an adequate sense of spiritual accomplishment resulting from a meeting of this nature; although, those of you who have met the Christ and are aware of the reservoir of blessings that can come from our heavenly Father through Him know what we mean when we say, "The Lord strengthened us."—Clarence Busby, Youth Director, South Alabama.

NEW MEXICO AND MISSIONS, WITH 1,100 MEMBERS

"We are happy to report to you the good news of our mission rallies here in New Mexico. Brother Hargrave, Brother McAfee, and four of the students of I.P.I. came to our state on January 16 to begin special rallies. We had two rallies on the 16th, two on the 17th, three on the 18th, and a special mission service on the 19th in our prayer conference. God blessed in a very wonderful way.

At the close of our prayer conference, there was a total of $3,318.65 for our mission offering in cash and pledges. There are still several churches we have not contacted. I shall be going to these churches in the near future.

Things are really looking good for our mission program here in New Mexico. Brother Hargrave and Brother McAfee, as well as the students, were certainly a blessing and an inspiration to our people. Our Missions Department is certainly blessed to have such fine men to help carry on our mission program.

Thank you for your part in our mission rallies. We also appreciate your serving as our Executive Missions Secretary. We know you have your work at heart and you will be a great blessing to lost souls and the Church of God.—Brady Dennis, Overseer of New Mexico.

FINE REPORT FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA AND ILLINOIS MISSION RALLIES

Reverend Wade H. Horton, Field Representative, and Reverend C. E. French, returned missionary to India, reports that they had some great meetings in the Pennsylvania mission rallies.

The first service in Somerset was a fine success, and the people responded in a fine offering amounting to approximately $1,000. From here they traveled on to Lebanon, where they had another great meeting and the offering amounted to $1,500. Brother Horton and Brother French were very happy for the fine cooperation they received from the people in the State of Pennsylvania.

From Pennsylvania the Missions Caravan crossed the State line of Ohio into Indiana, and then to Illinois, where they conducted five successful missionary conventions.

The first convention was held at Eldorado, and the amount of the offering was $1,000. The next one was at Chancey, and the offering amounted to $1,250. At East Alton they received an offering in the amount of $1,410. The offering at Clinton was $2,000, and in Chicago, $1,500. The Sunday morning service was conducted at West Frankfort, and the offering amounted to over $720.

We congratulate the state overseers, Reverend Floyd Timmerman, of Illinois, and Reverend C. J. Hindmon, of Pennsylvania; also the youth directors, Brother Culp of Pennsylvania and Brother Rosson of Illinois, who worked tirelessly in cooperation with this great effort to make it a success.

All the money raised was over and above their **state quotas**, which certainly was complimentary. May God move on the people as the Caravan moves into other fields.

INDIANA MISSION CONVENTION GREAT SUCCESS

Under the able leadership of Reverend C. R. Spain, State Overseer; Reverend Wade H. Horton, Field Representative; Reverend C. E. French, returned missionary to India; Reverend T. R. Morse, member of Missions Board and the Reverend and Mrs. O'Neil McCullough, missionaries to El Salvador the Mission Convention of four great services in Indiana proved a wonderful success. An offering of cash and pledges were received in the amount of $4,300.00!

Brother Spain, after the offering was given, felt a special burden to make an appeal to build a church in Jerusalm and $500.00 more was raised without any trouble. To God be all the praise. We wish to thank the fine people of Indiana for the cooperation they gave to these meetings.

GREENWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA, DISTRICT MISSION RALLY

The Greenwood District rally proved to be a success under the able leadership of the pastor, Reverend G. F. Dempsey.

Meetings were conducted by the special speakers in cooperation with the pastors. The special speakers were: Reverend Johnny Owens, Atlanta, Georgia; Reverend C. E. French, returned missionary to India; Reverend Ray Hughes, National Youth Director; and Reverend Wade H. Horton, Missions Field Representative.

Meetings were held at the following churches: Durst Avenue, South

ove Throughout the States and Into Other Countries

Greenwood, and Ware Shoals, climaxing with a service on Sunday afternoon and night at the South Greenwood church, with Brother C. E. French speaking. They raised over $100 in this service to build a church in Jerusalem. The night services, which were well attended, proved very successful. An inspiring mission drama was presented, entitled "The Sacrifice."

All meetings were well attended. The people were very cooperative, and a mission offering was raised in cash and pledges amounting to over $3,000. Only time and eternity will tell the results of these meetings.

KANSAS STATE NEWS

The state overseer of Kansas, Reverend Doyle Stanfield, came out with a slogan in his **State News**—SOULS FOR ME IN '53.

I trust this flame catches everyone, and that all of us will cry out in our prayers to God, SOULS FOR ME IN '53.

In our meetings of spiritual fervor, may they be highlighted by each of us with a slogan, SOULS FOR ME IN '53.

When the offering for missions is taken, remember our slogan should be IT'S SOULS FOR ME IN '53.

We may never see the dividends as results of our giving to God; that reward is determined in eternity, so again our slogan should be SOULS FOR ME IN '53.

MISSIONARY GROUP MAKES A MISSIONARY TOUR
(Stops First at Jal)

It was eight-thirty in the morning, January 16, when our car, packed-up and loaded down with books, pictures, and equipment rolled out of the garage and headed toward New Mexico. Besides the tons of material in the vehicle, Rev. Vessie D. Hargrave, president of the International Preparatory Institute and superintendent of the Latin-American Missions Department; Wayne McAfee, his assistant; Hiram Almirudis, a student of Mexico; Sam Rascon, a student of California and youth director of the Latin American Department in the United States; Rosa Vega, of Chile, and I were neatly packed in the remaining space.

From Jal to Hobbs

The skies were troubled and the thermometer stood at freezing as we began our journey, but we had a job to do, and, trusting in the Lord, we would do it. The roads became increasingly worse, having been converted into a ribbon of ice, but the Lord led us on. After travelling all day, the car made its first stop at Jal, New Mexico, where our missionary rally was to begin. Brother Dennis, overseer of the State, was there to greet us and to hand us an outline of the work ahead of us. Half an hour later, half of the group was in service in Jal and the other half headed for Hobbs, New Mexico, to conduct a service there. These were to be the first in a series of missionary rallies where the presence of God was to be felt and His Spirit poured out upon His children. His blessings were with us from the beginning, and we were made to rejoice because of the manner in which our brethren responded to the call and gave or pledged of their time, prayers, and offerings to the greatest responsibility of the Christian missions.

Obedient to His Voice at Portales and Tucumcari Also

Our next stop was Portales, and then Tucumcari, where God had more blessings in store for us. I truly believe the reason the Lord manifested Himself in such a wonderful way was that Christians were obedient to His voice and gave what He told them to give. We know there is no greater blessing than to be able to give with a glad heart.

One thing that greatly touched our hearts was the spirit of fellowship among the brethren. In every home we visited we were welcomed with genuine love and rejoicing. How great and strong is the "tie that binds our hearts in Christian Love!" The brethren of Roswell and Artesia were just as sincere and lovable, giving and being blessed. We were filled with joy to see how the **sisters of Artesia joined in raising the missionary offering.** God bless their efforts and multiply that which He has already given unto them is our prayer.

In Roswell a Treat Special

Roswell proved to be a special treat, for there we were able to visit our Spanish-speaking brethren in their Sunday School. In the afternoon of the same day the first service was held at the Spanish church in Artesia, with their new pastor, Brother Joe Rodriguez.

That night God gave us one of our greatest victories in the English-speaking church at Roswell, where our Brother Wright is pastoring. It seemed as if we could almost stretch out our hands and feel Him, He was so near. One sister came to tell that she had no money to give to missions, but that she was willing to sell her new bedspread and give the amount received to God. Men, women, and children gave of what they had that night. Our Spanish brethren also obeyed God, and in that one night the brethren raised more than **$1,400.** Three hundred and ninety dollars of this came from the Spanish brethren. Praise the Lord!

A Platform Filled with Brethren

Our last service in New Mexico was held in Carlsbad, during the prayer conference. Sister Rosita Vega, of Chile, gave her testimony of the desire she has to return to her country and see a school for native workers started there. No sooner had she taken her seat than a sister arose and promised the first one hundred dollars toward the work in Chile, and this was followed by an offer of the second hundred. Heart after heart obeyed God, and, before long, the platform was full of brethren, giving and being blessed. Above all, we want to thank God for the spiritual blessings and victories won while with the precious brethren of New Mexico.

Once again we piled into the car, and this time we headed toward Oklahoma, to be in the prayer conference there with Brother Perkins, the overseer. We were happy to meet the folks there, and our beloved Brother Morehead blessed us with his words of encouragement. God gave us grace, and $1,800 (approximately) was pledged for God's service. Added to $3,318.65 raised at Roswell and $390.00 from the Spanish brethren, there was a total of **$5,508.65** raised for the cause of **missions** during our five-day rally.—Reporter of the group, Loida Collazo.

AMEN! Hallelujah!—Executive Mission Secretary.

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA RALLIES TO MISSIONS

The fine pastor, Reverend O. B. Graham felt strongly that he should have a mission rally at his church to promote missions. As a result the Mission Caravan traveled to Columbia, South Carolina and had three very successful meetings. An offering was taken and $2,000.00 was received in cash and pledges. This is really wonderful coming from one church.

The speakers for the meetings were Reverend Henry C. Stoppe, Sup't. of West Indies; Reverend Wade H. Horton, Field Representative and Reverend C. E. French.

Many thanks to the pastor and the fine people who made this convention a glowing success.

The Overseer of the State of Canada, Reverend William F. Sullivan, writes: Enclosed is a bank money order in the amount of $50 for foreign missions. Sister Counsel here in Central Canada gave it for this purpose. We should like for it to go for the support of a student in the school in India.

I certainly enjoy reading the **Macedonian Call** issue of the EVANGEL. May the Lord bless you and please pray for us.

WASHINGTON, D. C. RESPONDS IN ITS GREATEST MISSION OFFERING

The fine pastor, Reverend Homer McSwain, invited our Reverend Wade H. Horton, Foreign Missions Field Representative, to his church for a week-end service. The result of that meeting was that the Lord blessed in an offering of over $1,500. Praise the Lord for this response.

It is the opinion of some that the other churches on the Eastern shore, through the Maryland area, will have a real battle to exceed Washington, D. C.

Introducing A New Field — Gilbert Islands *and* New Missionaries

Reverend and Mrs. Edward Kustel have been evangelists in the Church of God and doing evangelistic work in many states. They have felt the call to the mission field for a long time, and have finally found an open door, which the Lord has provided that they might give vent to their missionary urge in carrying the gospel.

The Gilbert Islands

Brother and Sister Kustel are scheduled to go to the Gilbert Islands, way out in the heart of the Pacific, in June. Many who read these lines will remember that severe battle at Terrawa where so many American boys, 2,000, I believe, lost their lives in wresting the Islands from the Japanese. Now we are hoping to do our share in taking it for God so there will never be a recurrence of the hostilities of war that happened a few years ago.

There wasn't enough money in the budget to send the Kustels to the Islands at this time, but the Board has placed them under appointment and they are conducting revival meetings as ever, waiting for the time to come when enough will come in for their transportation and support. I know that when the friends who read these lines know of the determination on the part of the Kustels to go to the Gilbert Islands, many will respond and help them in this worthy cause. If you desire to do so, send your contribution, stating clearly that it is for them, through the Church of God Missions Department, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee.

A New Field

The Gilbert Islands is a brand-new field—the closest Pentecostal church to this area is over 500 miles away. So, we are going to rally to the support of this fine couple that is working to get enough to make the journey. In their contacts throughout the country they should be able to stimulate a greater mission interest than ever before.

Louisiana Opens the Way

Our Brother Y. W. Kidd, state overseer of Louisiana, conducted a service of consecration at the ministers' prayer conference, at which time a number arose and made their testimony, stating a desire to go on with God for a deeper experience. Sister Kustel told how she longed to get more of God and was willing to go to the Gilbert Islands as a missionary. The burden had been on her heart, and when the way was opened, she was ready to go. The burden became heavier, and she fell on her knees at the altar weeping. While she was weeping, a lady came running forward to the platform and gave $500 to help pay her transportation. Along with that, others joined in, and before it was over $1,400 in cash and pledges was raised to help them make this journey. This is certainly a great boost and is highly complimentary of the ministers and members of the great State of Louisiana. $1,400 is not enough to complete this trip for them one way and to provide transportation after they are there. In travelling from one little island to another and over the lagoons it will be necessary for them to have a boat. The boat will cost them approximately $1,200; that is, the type necessary for navigation in this field. They are trusting God for the boat and trusting God for the entire amount necessary. I join with them in believing God is going to lay it on the hearts of the people to come through with a ready response.

May I say to the friends who read this article that this is an open door for you to give vent to your mission urge to carry on for the Lord. So many have said, "What can I do for missions? I may pay my 5 per cent, which is necessary and which is foremost in our mission promotion, but," they said, "I should like to give more than that, and I feel that I should like to have a personal contact." That is the reason we are giving you this opportunity, in order that you may discharge your burden by conforming to the support of the cause that the Kustels, as well as many others, love better than they love their own lives. So, we shall soon bid them farewell to the land of their calling. We say that in faith, because God never fails.

Bad men or devils would not have written the Bible, for it condemns them and their works,—good men or angels could not have written it, for in saying it was from God when it was but their own invention, they would have been guilty of falsehood, and thus could not have been good. The only remaining being who could have written it, is God—its real Author.

REPORT OF GREAT CONVENTION IN BARBADOS

By Luke R. Summers, Youth Director

OUR SEVENTH ANNUAL Convention commenced on Sunday night in the Steel Shed in the Queen's Park, where the night services were conducted throughout the first week. We were privileged to have with us both the West Indies superintendent, Brother Henry C. Stoppe, and the Foreign Missions Field Representative, Brother Wade H. Horton. Brother Horton did most of the speaking at night and proved a great blessing to the convention. Each night God blessed in a gracious way, and the attendance continued to increase. At the end of the week the crowds were great. There was service at 6 a.m. at the River Road church. These services were devoted to seeking God and believers tarrying for the Holy Ghost. Many were gloriously baptized. At 12 m. there was service at the Eckstien church. Brother Stoppe excelled in anointed messages, both for the laity and workers. The saints were edified, and souls were saved during these mid-day services. The sick were ministered to, and many were the testimonies of deliverance.

The second Sunday morning was great. A great consecration service found many renewing vows for greater service. At 3 p.m. there was a great youth program when special music, singing, and reciting brought a great crowd. After a short message six young people accepted Christ, and many others consecrated their lives to God and His service. Sunday night was Brother Stoppe's farewell. It was a great service and a blessed message. While Brother Stoppe had to leave on Monday, arrangements were made for Brother Horton to continue with us for three more days. The day services continued as before, but the night services were held in our three city churches. The buildings were packed, and 20 souls were saved the last three days. In all there were 85 saved and many sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost, and healed. Words fail in describing the glories God bestowed, but the convention fires burn on.

Eagerly we await the return of Brother Stoppe and Brother Horton to bless Barbados with their ministry.

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Top picture: L to R, Reverend and Mrs. Luke Summers, Youth Director; Reverend Wade H. Horton, Field Representative; Reverend Henry C. Stoppe, Sup't. West Indies; Reverend J. B. Winter, Overseer of Barbados and visiting minister and wife who were a great blessing during the convention.
Lower Picture: Group attending convention nightly. Many standing on the outside.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF BIBLE SCHOOL IN INDIA

WE have now completed the first two-year term of school, with 17 students graduating. The Indians do not have closing exercises as we have in the United States, so we decided to introduce some of our customs to them. The Sunday before graduation, we had baccalaureate service for the graduating class. It was necessary to explain to the students and the audience what this service is and what the purpose of it is.

On Tuesday before graduation, we had a banquet for the seniors and faculty. As you know, the Indians eat with their fingers, and their food is served on banana leaves. We planned a dinner that they could eat with their fingers, if they could not manage their knife and fork. So everyone got along fine and really seemed to enjoy our food; at least, all the plates were empty after the meal. The wonderful part about the Indians, although they are shy in some ways, yet in this instance there was no embarrassment on the part of anyone. They especially appreciated the fact that we invited them to eat at our table, and seemed to think that was a wonderful thing.

On Thursday afternoon we had the graduation service. Brother Pospisil gave the commencement address. The student with the highest honors was the valedictorian. There is no word in the Malayalam language that expresses either valedictorian or salutatorian, so again we had to explain what these words meant. The students were happy to receive their diplomas, and the following morning at least two went to town to have them framed.

Now these graduating students are being placed in churches where there is no pastor, or where it seems wise to make some changes. We covet your prayers for them in their new and great undertaking for the Lord.—Miss Dora P. Myers.

Dwight L. Moody was asked up to London to meet a group of clergy there. Some four hundred had gathered. In his quiet, quick, keen-witted fashion, Moody answered questions for about an hour. Then someone asked the question always asked, "What's your creed, Mr. Moody?" Quick came back the answer, "My creed's in print."

Oh, in print! Nobody knew of Mr. Moody having written anything. And the question came at once, "Where?" "What's the title of the book?" And four hundred hands reached for four hundred pencils to write down the unknown title. Very quietly Mr. Moody said, "Isaiah fifty-three, five." —From **"A Treasury of S. D. Gordon"** (Revell)

THE WILLING WORKERS OF HONOLULU, HAWAII

The picture above is of our Ladies' Willing Workers' Band in Honolulu. They have been an untold blessing to the church here. Our indebtedness is heavy, but our ladies are prompt and always working to help meet the bills. These are some of the most precious workers with whom I have ever worked. We are looking forward to the day we can get our church paid for.—Mrs. Grier W. Hawkins, Presient; Mrs. Nakashima, Secretary.

Note: They do have a heavy debt, but they also have a beautiful church, and when it is paid for it will carry a great share of the mission load.

In this group there are six nationalities represented. Can you distinguish them? There are 6 Japanese, 6 Samoans, 6 Hawaiians, 1 white, 1 Puerto Rican and 1 Portuguese.—Executive Secretary.

Dear Brother Walker: I received your letter sometime ago, and I thought, though I don't make much, I would try to save one dollar a week and send it to you every time I get $5.00. I keep my mission quota up at the church, and I also give 1 per cent of my wages to missions, but I feel that I want to give more where it will reach the foreign fields. You send it where the people need the gospel and where they are anxious to receive it.—W. Ledbetter, Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Did you know that the Crane Eater Church of God, Calhoun, Georgia, under the able leadership of their good pastor, Reverend G. W. Mize, has raised funds for two memorial churches in Central America!

MORE SOULS SAVED FROM BUDDHA (THE IDOL)

There are eleven nationalities in this church. These are Japanese in the picture. Sister Hawkins reports: The Lord has been blessing our Japanese people in a wonderful way. Many of them are taking a firm stand for God. This is one of the greatest steps of progress we have seen lately, for when they turn from their idol worship they surely go all the way for the Lord.

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HAITI

A book on its land, its people, its government, its religion, and the history of the Church of God in Haiti. This booklet of 68 pages portrays the forward march of the Church in this land for the past 15 years.

It contains striking pictures of the nationals, the populace trudging the mountain trails, the typical Haitian peasant, and the major leaders of our churches, church buildings, baptismal services, schools, etc.

Price: 50c per copy; only 50 copies left.

A Japanese couple whose charms became charmless with the charm for Jesus. Sister Grier W. Hawkins says, "This couple has fully given all to Jesus. Just a few weeks ago they brought some things for us to burn. We would call them charms. They used them as a Japanese custom to keep anything from coming upon their family. Now they are thoroughly converted, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost."

BROTHER AND SISTER TAKAHASI FORSAKE BUDDHA

I am of Japanese ancestry, and in my childhood I used to go to the Buddhist church. My mother passed away when I was 9 years old, and my father worshiped the Buddhist religion. In all my life I never knew the Lord or anything about Him. All I knew was about the Buddhist. About a year ago the minister's wife, Sister Hawkins, and Brother Kanda, with some of the others, came to visit me. They told me about this wonderful Jesus.

We Went to Sunday School

From then on, two of my children started to Sunday School. Then, through them, I visited one Sunday morning. I kept going from Sunday to Sunday, and on Easter Sunday, I shall never forget, I went to the altar. Then I really realized what Jesus could mean to me; He really touched me. In all this time I couldn't make my husband to understand that we needed the Lord in our home. Finally, he stopped us from going to church. But I knew the people did not stop praying for us. A few months went by, and serious trouble came to our home. Being so new in the Lord, I did not know what I should do, or to trust Him in this crisis.

Desperate Husband Calmed

My husband was so desperate in many ways, and it seemed there was no hope for us. I really cried out to the Lord to know what I should do. I know the Lord was working, because my husband decided to go to the church at that moment. I knew it was not a service night, so I called Sister Hawkins and asked her if we could come down. **She said for us to come on and they would have a service just for us.**

After songs and prayer and explaining the Word of God, my husband really repented and gave his heart to the Lord. Now with the peace and joy we have in Jesus, all that trouble we had seemed just a minor thing. I am so thankful that both of

us have been saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Our one determination is to serve the Lord with all our hearts. I suffered much with asthma before, but I really know the Lord has healed me, because I fully trusted Him.

We see that the world has nothing for us, compared to the things God has promised. If only more Japanese people could learn about Jesus, for I know that He is the true God. We are so happy for the ones we have in our church, and I believe the Lord will give us more. I am so glad to know and have Brother and Sister Hawkins as our pastor. They keep very busy, going all the time to visit and help others. Their first thoughts are for the Lord and the Church. As for their personal life, they seem to have no time for themselves. I am sure they don't mind my saying this, but I know they are working hard for us over here. Aside from her studying and praying, Sister Hawkins answers at least 25 calls a day, visits with Brother Hawkins, prays for the sick, keeps a five-room house, and cares for her child. If only they could have someone to help lift the load. I pray the Lord will send someone to help them. Please remember to pray for our church here in Honolulu.—Haruye Takahasi.

Note: The above speaks for itself. Our God has workers to carry this message, and our God wants us to support these workers. Many more forsake Buddha. God grant that we may help them.—Executive Secretary.

GRADUATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PREPARATORY INSTITUTE NOW IN NICARAGUA

Reverend Irvin Hussman

I arrived safely in Managua after a long, hazardous journey. I truly thank God for His wonderful vigilance over me. We have a tremendous opportunity for the Church of God here in this great and magnificent country, and we have not yet even scratched the surface. The people here are in dire need of indoctrination, and I PLEDGE TO GOD AND TO HIS CHURCH TO DO MY ABSOLUTE BEST, God helping me, to promote and advance our present holdings and to open as many new fields as wisdom, finance, and opportunity will allow.

I earnestly pray that God will give me everything I need to be an ideal missionary. Please pray much for me as I feel very keenly the great trust and responsibility the Church has placed upon me.

ROMAN CATHOLICS INVITE INDIANS TO ATTACK PROTESTANTS

Read the letter from Sister Dora P. Myers and see how God directs, the good-hearted police authorities cooperating with our church officials in settlement of the wrongs committed:

Brother Varughese asked me to write to the inspector of police of a certain village to complain that certain men had thrown stones, broke the lamp, and generally disturbed the meetings in our church there, and the people were frightened. I had a very nice reply from the inspector, and he had the guilty party buy a new lamp. Two weeks ago I felt so depressed before I went to church. After I got there I noticed the same spirit was very intensified, and many testified, crying. I learned after church that the pastor of this same church was in our meeting. The week before, the roof had been torn off the church, and as he was going home on Saturday he was beaten up and his rice ration stolen, along with his money. So, he had come to report the case.

I decided the best thing was to go to see the inspector. I thought he might get tired of my letters. Every time I thought, "Maybe it's foolish to go," the thought would come to me, "No, I must go." So, on Monday, in company with a young man to translate for me, I went. I was sorry to find the A. S. P. was there, because the inspector was busy with him and could not go with us to see the damage. (A. S. P., Assistant Superintendent of Police.) We did not hear anything for several days, except that the guilty ones had given the police one hundred rupees (about $20) and had had them to a feast. We learned the day we were there that the Catholics were behind this, and had said if they would beat up three or four they would be able to drive this church out of the community.

On the following Sunday, the young man who went with me, went there to church. He came back and reported that the case had been settled. The A. S. P. had asked why the English lady had come, and when he was told the details he had instructed the inspector to take care of the case nicely. God surely had His hand in the Assistant's being there and my going on Monday. How it pays to follow the Lord's leading. The guilty ones had paid the police 175 rupees in all, paid the costs to our church members, and promised never to molest the Church of God or its members again. I think this will be a good lesson to them, because, I understand, the next day they had to sell their ox team to settle their account with the police. The Lord works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform.

A Good Report From Alice Josephsen and Faye Singleton, Evangelists on The Mission Field

The revivals that we have been holding have been blessed by the presence of the Lord. Last week we saw more faith among God's children than I have ever seen in a local church. The owner of the community idol was saved. A lady, on her way to buy medicine, returned to her home with us to pray for her daughter, who was instantly healed and went to the meeting that same night to receive sweet salvation. Another lady, painted and very sinful, was on her way to the mountain to get wood. We prayed with her on the road. That night she brought two of her daughters, and all three were saved. The community store owner, for whom the church had prayed for many years, closed his store and made public confession of Christ. A young man came; he had been asked to leave the church about a year ago, because he had slept in the service. God saved him, and the next night he brought his backslidden father. They both went home singing praises to the Lord. We saw spiritists exercising their deviltry on an unconscious woman, and when we claimed that there is power in Jesus' blood, they picked up their witchcraft and left. After a few minutes of prayer, the lady arose and asked for water. She and her husband had both been saved the week before.

A child was healed of fever and grippe. The pastor took off his ring and threw it away. The young people followed his example. A young people's group was organized. I guess we can never recount all that happened during that short seven days. There were 36 saved, and seven more have been saved since we left.

Our own people are the sweetest and most innocent in the world. They are miserably poor, but oh so happy. They rejoice in what seems to us to be sacrifice. Church services are every night the year round. Mountain paths are rough and dangerous, but unless they are sick they are there to worship God.

I wish we had the opportunity to write more about our experiences, but I guess that is a mission in itself. We only keep saying that the Lord is good and that there is plenty of work to be done everywhere. May the Lord send more workers to all the fields.

EL SALVADOR: The building of the Bible School is progressing very well. We shall be putting the roof on within a week or 10 days, then we shall have only the windows, floor, plaster, doors, lighting, etc., to finish. We should be done by the end of February.

We have buildings going: in Armenia, which is ready for the roof; Las Flores is ready to begin building, the materials are already on the ground; Chalchuapa also is gathering materials; Tres Calles is making adobe; Las Acostas is making adobe; San Luis also is ready to begin gathering materials. So, the building business here is flourishing.—H. S. Syverson, Missionary.

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"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face . . . then will I hear from heaven . . . mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made." 2 Chron. 7:14, 15.

Manuel M. Cifuentes leading the meeting the first day of the conference.

Twenty-Sixth Annual Convention in Guatemala History

Thomas Pullin, Missionary Overseer

After service, up the hill for lunch—black beans, black coffee, and hot tamales.

Notwithstanding the great campaign of Brother T. L. Osborn in Guatemala City, and its drawing influence on our people, we had the largest gathering ever. The last day of the convention, the new temple was dedicated, which measures 130 feet by 60½ feet, inside measurements; the walls are normally 33 inches thick.

We had a great time. Even a good shower of rain, somewhat out of season and looked like damage to our services for awhile, turned out to be a blessing, settling the dust and making the mountain air fresher and more pleasant.

Our daughter, Martha Pullin, of the Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, swept down onto the big airport in Guatemala City a few days before the convention. It was good to see her back in Guatemala after an absence of eleven years from the land of her birth. At the airport she was given special consideration and ushered through the passenger line in a few minutes.

In the convention she entered into the activities with the young people as though she belonged among them. Long into the night they sang on the campus; four o'clock in the morning found them sitting around a campfire drinking black coffee and enjoying themselves in the Lord. There was hardly no rest for tired people. Martha will receive her B.S. and R.N. in June.

The first day of the convention 66 candidates for immersion were buried in the cold mountain stream of Chuicaca, Reverend Jose Cruz Figueroa having charge of this service.

The number saved is hard to determine accurately, as well as those who received the Holy Ghost. The books of heaven will show what we don't know; however, we believe that some 25 souls were saved and that many baptized in the Holy Ghost.

The Bread from Heaven seems so appetizing to the people, and the blessings so sweet and numerous that that can be the reason why so many come from far and near to this glorious annual convention.

Greer, South Carolina, District Purchases Typewriter

The Greer District, under the leadership of Reverend W. P. Stallings, met in a mission rally and decided to purchase a typewriter for our Brother Ronnie Helton, of Hilo, Hawaii.

This is a good work and we highly compliment them for their untiring efforts. May the Lord bless them as they continue in their work for Him.

"Bring to God your gift, my brother,
He'll not need to call another,
You will do.
He will add His blessing to it,
And the two of you will do it,
God and you."

Table Spread for Missions

A little lady in Norfolk, Virginia, with a burden for missions and little money, decided she would do her best to make a tablecloth, see what it could be sold for, and give every cent of the money for missions.

Here is a most beautiful spread for sale in behalf of missions. It has **50 balls of thread, 250 yards for each ball, or a total of 12,500 yards of thread.** It took this lady 360 hours to make this beautiful cloth. It is my opinion that it should not be sold for less than $50. Many who have seen it would like to have it, but say it was worth $100. So, if you are interested, write us, and we will give you more particulars.

Remember, every penny of the money goes to missions.

The Dormitory for the El Salvador Bible School

The above picture shows the construction of the fine dormitory in El Salvador for our Bible School which is under the supervision of the Latin American superintendent and missionary overseer, Reverend H. S. Syverson and Brother O'Neil McCullough, who is the principal of the school.

This new building will soon be completed, built of masonry construction, at the cost of $4,000. It should house in the neighborhood of 20 to 30 students.

Kannapolis, North Carolina, and Reverend A. V. Beaube, its progressive pastor, assumed the obligation of the construction of this dormitory. It is a memorial to the Kannapolis Church of God, for their liberality and their mission vision in carrying the gospel through the channel of a progressive educational program of indoctrinating the young men and women of El Salvador with the teachings of the great Church of God to go into the remote sections of that State with a gospel message.

By H. S. Syverson, Missionary

Dear EVANGEL reader: I have been wanting to write to all of you for some time, to give you a report of our work. The following is a detailed report of the building activities, a list of persons who have sent money for our big building activities, and a list of persons who have sent money for our big building boom.

Here in Santa Tecla (our headquarters), we are, at the present, building an addition to our Bible school, which was altogether too small for the growing Church of God (Iglesia de Dios) in El Salvador. This building is all ready for the roof, and we are waiting for the lumber to be cut. Here we cannot do as you do in the States—go and get lumber finished, but we go into the mountains and fall the trees, saw them by hand, plane them by hand, and then form whatever we are building.

A great big-hearted pastor and his church has offered to build this addition to our Bible school—Brother A. V. Beaube and the church at Kannapolis, North Carolina. How we praise the Lord for this wonderful gift! It will cost $4,000 (great big American dollars), and you have to be in a country like this to know just how much money that is. It is c10,000 in our money. We all want to thank this dear brother and his church for their wonderful cooperation in this wonderful gift. When I tell you that hitherto all of our students were sleeping in two rooms, and now that we have six rooms, toilets, bathrooms, and room for storage, we rejoiced, that is putting it mild.

In Armenia we have the church ready for the roof and waiting for the lumber. This will be a brick church and will cost about $600. Brother Johnnie Owens sent $200 for this church, and it was a gift from Bettie and Opal, two friends who are helping Brother Johnnie.

In Las Flores, our building is just getting started good, and will be built before the rainy season comes on. This is a new church, and it is growing rapidly.

Other buildings now in progress are as follows: 3 Calles, San Vicente, Cuyaguallo, Santa Ana, Las Acostas, San Luis, Las Majadas, Cusnaguate.

Each of the following from the Riverside Church in Atlanta, Georgia, gave $200.

Stanley Warren	Harold Waldrep
Joseph Moffatt	Lynn Oglsby
O. N. Dana	Kent Memorial
John Stephen Owens	Ola N. Collett
Faith Memorial	Carmichael Memorial
Foster Memorial	Burns Memorial
Kitechn Memorial	Samuel Simpson
Effie Austin	Ralph Smith
Gertrude Lownder	Robert C. Dawds
Moss Memorial	Owen Huddlester
Allison and Brock	Patsy Webb
Helping Hand Bible Class	Poarch and Baxter Memorial
El Bethel Church	Reynolds Memorial

This makes a total of 29 memorials that have been given in during 1952-53. We still have a number to build in Nicaragua and El Salvador. The Lord is helping us build for His glory. We shall soon have enough to build a church in every place where we have a congregation. In some of the larger churches we shall need more money for the churches, but the ones in the country we can build for around $200 to $400. We are praying for our work in Santa Ana, where we need a big church that will cost about $400. We already have the property bought and are starting with the materials. An adobe will cost five cents; a brick, three cents; a rafter, $2.00; a sack of cement, $2.00; a steel rod for support, 80c. We shall need 800 adobes, 2,000 bricks, lumber, etc. We have the hands to do the work, but we need materials. Help us pray for the materials.—Yours for a bigger and better Church of God.

Reverend H. S. Syverson, El Salvador, writes: "Praise the Lord we broke the all-time record in Sunday School last Sunday. We had 174 present, but that is only half of it! Next Sunday we are going to have over 200, if God permits. The people are very enthusiastic and have promised to work hard to go over the 200 mark. I will let you know next week how many more than two hundred we have."

Greetings from sunny Maui in the wonderful name of Jesus!

At long last I can send a few lines. It was surely wonderful to be met at the pier in Honolulu by Brother and Sister Hawkins, together with some of the Christians from the church there. Formalities and customs check all over, we were taken to the parsonage. To me, at least, it was just like homecoming, because only a few months before, in passing through Honolulu en route to New Zealand, I met the brethren and got to love them in the few short days in their midst.

It was decided we should stay for meetings in Honolulu before proceeding to the Island of Maui. Although we did not advertise the meetings, the Lord really blessed the whole church. During the week, four people were saved, and two were sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Four or five were reclaimed. Some of the people were healed of bodily troubles, including one deaf woman; I should say partially deaf. Sister Walker sang specials each night. I can truly say, after travelling on the ship without fellowship, the meetings were a real blessing to me. Some nights the power of God was very evident indeed.

Finally, we left Honolulu by plane for Maui, the second largest island in the territory. On arrival in Maui, we were able to claim our car, which had gone ahead by barge. What a sight we must have looked in that Nash Rambler—seven children and four adults, plus a goodly supply of packages and suitcases. From the airport we drove to Lahaina, twenty-two miles away.

Lahaina is the town where a new mission was started by Brother Hawkins last August. The work is still very small, but we are trusting, with the blessing of the Lord, to see this work grow. The town is predominately Japanese. It is the center of sugarcane and pineapple industry.

The Lord blessed wonderfully in our small meeting last night. One woman has just been saved, but she and her sister, who live next to one another, have not spoken for about a year. This woman, although saved, was troubled about this condition. God, however, was planning something. He put it in the heart of the other sister to come to the service. The climax came when the two, with arms around one another and tears flowing, freely forgave.

We are going to work here until we obtain permission to go into Indonesia. We are expecting great things, for we have a mighty God.—Dalraith N. Walker.

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Good Report From Barbados

Our quarterly meeting is now history. We had a very good meeting, with the largest crowd present that I ever remember seeing at one time, and all of our churches were represented. We had a baptismal service at 8 a.m. on Sunday when 29 believers were baptized in water; 32 were received into the church. Reports reveal that 338 souls were saved for the quarter, 211 sanctified, and 24 received the Holy Ghost.

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